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AMENDMENT

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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENSURING CONSISTENCY OF DESIGN

RULE APPLICATION IN A CAD ENVIRONMENT

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In response to the office communication dated March 25, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Drawings

Please correct Fig. 2 as highlighted on the enclosed copy.

Substitute Paragraphs and Claims

Please substitute for the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 24 the following:

Fig. 5B illustrates the relationship between global design rule definition file 200, technology file 202, translator program 207 and a non-native CAD tool 212, with the relationships between the respective files and tools illustrated conceptually as arrows. If a non-native technology file 202 can not accept a SKILL variable directly, a program 207 translates the global design rule definition

